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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 753

Offered January 28, 2019

Commending the Reverend Alphonso Washington.

Patrons—Freitas; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, the Reverend Alphonso Washington, a proud veteran and a highly admired spiritual leader in Hume, celebrated his 105th birthday on October 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in 1913 in Washington, D.C., Alphonso Washington moved to Hume with his mother at the age of three and began a lifelong association with Mount Morris Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, Alphonso Washington returned to the nation's capital, where he worked several jobs to help support his family; in the 1930s, while working on a dairy farm in Loudoun County, he attended a revival service at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Lincoln and discovered his passion for ministry; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Alphonso Washington joined many of the other young men in service to the nation during World War II when he was drafted as a member of the United States Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, Alphonso Washington was assigned to the base chaplain corps at San Marcos Army Air Field in Texas, where he met and married his first wife, Rosa, who passed away in the 1980s; in addition to his duties as a chaplain, he trained in aircraft maintenance and was later stationed in Florida and Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Alphonso Washington continued to support his fellow veterans as a chaplain for the American Legion, and he traveled the country as a visiting preacher, eventually finding himself back at his home church in Hume; and

WHEREAS, as an associate minister of Mount Morris Baptist Church, Alphonso Washington has offered his leadership to the Sunday School Conference, the Women's Auxiliary, and the Ministers' and Deacons' Conference; he continued to travel, preaching and performing marriages, funerals, and counseling throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Alphonso Washington currently lives in Culpeper with his beloved wife, Carol, and he is a sought-after speaker at events throughout Culpeper County and Fauquier County, sharing his incomparable wisdom and wealth of life lessons to new generations of community leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Reverend Alphonso Washington on the occasion of his 105th birthday; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Alphonso Washington as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his lifetime of service and contributions to the Commonwealth.

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